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Applicant(s)

CHUNG ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26,27,31,32 and 40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-25,28-30,33-39,41 and 42 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26,27,31,32 and 40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to the RCE filed on April 02, 2007. Claim 40 has been amended. Claims 1-25,28-30,33-39 and 41-42 have been canceled. Claims 26,27,31,32 and 40 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The newly added limitation "the conference server indicates the conference initiator" is not supported by the specification.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 40 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 40 recites the limitation "the conference initiator" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 26-27, 31-32 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giloi et al (U.S. Patent Number 6,850,985) hereinafter referred as Giloi, and in view of Ganesan (U.S. Patent Number 5,737,419) hereinafter referred as Ganesan and further in view of Gudjonsson (U.S. patent Number 6,564,261) hereinafter referred as Gudjonsson.

Giloi teaches the invention substantially as claimed including a method and system for setting up and managing secure data/audio/video conferences with a wide range of topologies (See abstract).

As to claim 40, Giloi teaches a method for establishing secure multimedia conferences including a plurality of users, each of said users having a client process and at least one of a voice communication media device for audio

conferencing and a programmed communication media device for text conferencing said method comprising the steps of:

employing a user interface in said client process to signal a communication controller to create a persistent conference wherein the conference server retains identification of the persistent conference after users to the persistent conference leave the persistent conference (Column 12, lines 50-Column 13, lines 52, Giloi discloses creating persistent conference (TCP/IP protocol is persistent));

a user communicating with a conference server to initiate and receive conference participation requests (Column 7, lines 55-Column 8, lines 17, Giloi discloses conference server to establish conferences),

establishing via a routing server, communication media connections to one of the user's communication media devices for participation in a conference (Column 6, lines 21-33, Column 13, lines 13-18, Giloi discloses routing server establishing connection to media devices),

determining by that the user is entitled to participate in the conference (Column 2, lines 50-67, Giloi discloses authenticating user);

securing communications being sent to said conference by encryption and decryption of the communications after said step of determining that said user is entitled to participate in the conference and including (Column 6, lines 15-53, Column 8, lines 30-Column 10, lines 30, Giloi discloses securing communications in conference):

encrypting a secret conference session key with the user's secret key for communication of said conference session key to the user (Column 8, lines 30-Column 10, lines 30, Giloi discloses encrypting keys).

Obtaining via a security process within the client process of the user the encrypted secret conference session key from the conference server for the conference involving the user (Column 8, lines 30-Column 10, lines 30, Giloi discloses server sending keys to users),

Said client process associated with said user mixing the communications from a plurality of conference participants for either a multipoint audio media conference or multipoint text media conference involving said user (Column 2, lines 2-10; Column 13, lines 53-Column 14, lines 1-6, 52-64, Giloi discloses mixing communications from plurality of participants).

Giloi does not explicitly teach claimed limitation of using time stamp for authentication and Kerberos protocol.

However, Ganesan teaches claimed limitation of using time stamp for authentication and Kerberos protocol (Column 5, lines 23-37; Column 11, lines 15-50).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Giloi by adding time stamp in authentication process and Kerberos protocol, which will ensure non-repudiation and secure communication. One would be motivated to do so to enhance the system's security.

Giloi and Ganesan do not explicitly teach the claimed limitation of Session Initiation Protocol.

Gudjonsson teaches the claimed limitation of Session Initiation Protocol (Column 9, lines 8-22).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Giloi and Ganesan by adding Session Initiation Protocol, which establishes sessions for conferencing. One would be motivated to do so to enhance the system's communication.

Giloi, Ganesan and Gudjonsson do not explicitly teach claim limitation of indicating the conference initiator and permitting users who left the conference to rejoin the conference.

However, "Official Notice" is taken that the concept and advantages of indicating the conference initiator and permitting users who left the conference to rejoin the conference are old and well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Giloi by adding functionality for indicating the conference initiator and permitting users who left the conference to rejoin the conference, which would provide great ease to the users. One would be motivated to do so to enhance system's usability.

As to claim 26, Giloi teaches the method of claim 29 further comprising maintaining presence and availability data for each user for each conference established (Column 6, lines 64-Column 7, lines 15).

As to claim 27, Giloi teaches the method of claim 29 further comprising said client process enabling a user to participate simultaneously in more than one conferences and to proactively notify one or more other users of any changes to any of said conferences (Fig. 4, Column 10, lines 31-46, Column 12, lines 20-30).

As to claim 31, Giloi teaches the method of claim 26 wherein said user has both a voice communication media device and a programmed communication text media device and said user is currently participating in a conference involving one of said media devices, said method further comprising said client process establishing a second simultaneous conference involving the other of said media devices (Fig. 4, Column 10, lines 31-46; Column 13, lines 53-Column 14, lines 6; Column 1, lines 32-45).

As to claim 32, Giloi teaches the method of claim 31 wherein said step of establishing said second conference comprises

said client process requesting a communication controller to create said second conference (Column 1, lines 63-Column 2, lines 1-10; Column 14, lines 52-64) and

said conference controller using said presence and availability data for the prior established conference to invite all the participants in the prior established conference to join said second conference (Column 1, lines 63-Column 2, lines 1-10; Column 14, lines 52-64).

5. **Examiner's Note:** Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in its entirety as potentially teaching of all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Rothrock et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,729,687) discloses system for sending differences between joining meetings.
- Chakrabarti et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,163,692) discloses telecommunication network with mobile voice conference system.
- Tseung (U.S. Patent Number 5,036,518) discloses Guaranteed reliable broadcast network.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faruk Hamza whose telephone number is 571-272-7969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached at 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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